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SUBJECT: JSP CHAIRMAN NARITA ISSUES STATEMENT CALLING FOR  
COALITION GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 17, JSP CHAIRMAN TOMOMI NARITA ISSUED  
STATEMENT CALLING FOR FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT COMPOSED  
OF ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES IN EVENT OF LDP ELECTORAL DEFEATS IN  
1974 AND AFTERWARD. HOW SERIOUS JSP REALLY IS ABOUT PROPOSAL  
REMAINS TO BE SEEN. END SUMMARY

1. ON SEPTEMBER 17, JSP CHAIRMAN TOMOMI NARITA ISSUED  
STATEMENT (AND PROVIDED COMMENTARY TO REPORTERS) CALLING FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF OPPOSITION COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE  
TOP PRIORITY TO ADHERENCE TO CONSTITUTION. STATEMENT, ISSUED IN  
KOGOSHIMA WHERE NARITA IS ON FIRST LEG OF NATION-WIDE SPEAKING  
TOUR, SAID QTE IT IS POSSIBLE TO REALIZE OPPOSITION  
COALITION GOVERNMENT - SWITCHING FROM LDP GOVERNMENT WHICH  
VIOLATES CONSTITUTION TO GOVERNMENT WHICH OBSERVES  
CONSTITUTION UNQTE. IT DESCRIBED SUCH GOVERNMENT AS ONE WHICH  
QTE WOULD SOLVE PRESSING PROBLEMS IN RESPONSE TO PEOPLE'S  
STRONG DEMANDS UNQTE.

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2. STATEMENT SAID BASIC PURPOSES OF COALITION GOVERNMENT WOULD BE: (A) REALIZATION OF PEACEFUL AND INDEPENDENT JAPAN THROUGH SCRAPPING MST; (B) OVERTHROW OF CONSERVATIVE POLITICS WHICH PLACE TOP PRIORITY ON INTERESTS OF BIG BUSINESS; AND (C) RESTORATION OF HUMANITY BY SAFEGUARDING VARIOUS DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS GUARANTEED IN CONSTITUTION. STATEMENT ALSO SAID PRESSING PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY COALITION GOVERNMENT WOULD INCLUDE PRICES, POLLUTION, LAND, DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION, AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

3. NARITA SAID HE ANNOUNCED PLAN BECAUSE THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT LDP DOMINATION WILL BE REVERSED IN 1974 HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ELECTION. IN THAT EVENT, HE STRESSED, ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES SHOULD JOIN IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COALITION GOVERNMENT.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR OFFICIAL JSP PLAN TO ESTABLISH COALITION GOVERNMENT. THIS PLAN IS TO BE WORKED OUT AT PARTY CONVENTION NEXT JANUARY.

5. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING TALK IN PRESS, AMONG POLITICAL OBSERVERS, AND IN PARTY CIRCLES CONCERNING COALITION POSSIBILITIES IN EVENT LDP IS FORCED FROM POWER. HOWEVER, FEW OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT COALITION GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF PRESENT OPPOSITION PARTIES IS REALISTIC POSSIBILITY, GIVEN PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCES AND HISTORY OF DISCORD AND COMPETITION AMONG THEM. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT JSP PLANS TO PROMOTE IDEA OF OPPOSITION COALITION AS USEFUL POLITICAL PLOY IN 1974 UPPER HOUSE ELECTION CAMPAIGN BY FOSTERING IDEA THAT POLITICAL PENDULUM IS SWINGING AGAINST LDP AND DAY OF JSP-LED COALITION GOVERNMENT IS AT HAND. THAT JSP IS REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF REALIZING THIS COALITION AND, EVEN IF IT IS, THAT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO EMBRACE ALL REFORMIST PARTIES, INCLUDING JCP, ARE HIGHLY SUSPECT PROPOSITIONS.  
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